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SOCIAL ACTION COUNCIL

By Lawrence Wilson

At the mid-winter gathering of the Congregational family at Evanston the advent of the Council for Social Action attracted the attention usually accorded a newly-born babe in the household. The arrival of this new child of the denomination was viewed with mixed feelings. Many predicted that it would be short-lived. Some made this prediction out of their fears; others, out of their hopes.

The more hopeful trusted that it would eventually be a credit to the family. They averred that an increase in the family at this time was a sign pointing to recovery. And all agreed that there was plenty of work awaiting the child.

The fearful looked upon his arrival as an evil portent. "Why, look, he is red all over!" exclaimed one of the sisters. Father expressed the fear that the brat would make so much disturbance that it would bring reproach on the whole family. The older brothers resented sharing attentions which had previously belonged to them. And all agreed that his advent would result in the disorganizing of the family schedule. They felt like the boy in the impoverished minister's family, "There were things we needed lots worse!"

Letters from women's organizations made complaints about the complexion of the personnel of the Council for Social Action. The Commission on Missions admitted misgivings about the Council's pronouncements and their effect on benevolences. The Treasurers of the Boards declared that it was impossible to finance the Council through the lean early months of the year. The Superintendents viewed with undisguised apprehension the possible effect of the coming into their districts of field representnatives of the C. S. A.

The baby, however, as though innocently unconscious of the resentment which its advent had aroused, quietly got into action to justify its place in the circle. It presumed that it was the natural child of legitimate parenthood. It assumed no complexion other than the normal complexion of Congregationalists. It did not start out by proclaiming any resolutions, but just began to live its life.

The Council merely advocated commencing where we are. Its first effort will be to get at the unbiased facts which affect the lives of our people.

The Council planned to make surveys of fields in which Congregationalists are primarily responsible, covering social factors and needs. A poll on the attitude of individual Congregationalists toward war was prepared, and will be taken at the time of the next Armistice Day. The services of Harold O. Hatcher, a trained research expert, were secured.

The Council also projected its program of education. It will collaborate with the Education Society. A biweekly publication to be called "Social Action" is being published, starting this month. Courses for adult

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THE TURNING POINT HAS COME

The great army of devoted people in our churches will be interested to learn the final outcome of benevolence giving for the year. 1934. The figures were not available for the January issue of The Pacific on account of holding the books open for receipts until January 10th.

It must be remembered that the totals here set forth are those that have come **through the Conference office** and do not include those sent directly to the National Boards.

For the Home Boards (This is a loss of $459.67 as against 1933)	$ 5,602.42
For the American Board (Foreign Missions) (This is $626.30 less than for 1933)	8,811.82
For our own State Conference (This is $396.44 less than for 1933)	17,183.07
For our State Ministers' Relief Society	1,029.85
TOTAL (This is a total reduction of $1,518.12 as against the total for 1933, or 4.45 per cent).	$32,627.16

Preliminary reports from the Commission on Missions set the total figure from Northern California, including gifts sent directly to the National Boards, at $34,365.00, which is a loss as compared with 1933 of 5.1 per cent.

The percentage loss for the churches of the country as a whole was 8.5 per cent. This is the fourth straight year that our Northern California churches have made a better record than the average for the United States. Since 1930 the drop in budgeted apportionment giving in our Conference has been from $58,281 to $34,365, or $23,916, which amounts to **41 per cent,** whereas in the same period the average for all our churches in the nation has been **52.7** per cent. Our sister conferences on the coast have lost income ranging from 52 per cent to 59 per cent in the same four years. These facts ar not offered with a spirit of boastfulness, but only with a sense of thankfulness to God, and for the purpose of encouraging our people.

The opinion was commonly expressed one year ago that, on account of the bank moratorium, 1933 had been our worst year and that 1934 would see a turn for the better. As noted above, such has not been the case, either for California or the nation. However, the loss was smaller in percentage than for any of the past four years. Several states actually made gains in 1934, including Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Oklahoma, and Oregon. Superintendents at the Midwinter Meeting from all parts of the country reported a better feeling among the people of the churches and a confidence in facing the future.

In God's name let us move forward.

Xmas Fund Totals

The Board of Ministerial Relief sends its sincere thanks to the loyal friends of the Christmas Fund in the California churches who, year after year, make their generous gifts to this fund, and also to the many new donors who took part for the first time in 1934. The total amount of the fund was $64,629, $2,800 more than the fund of 1933. More than six thousand contributions were received, including hundreds from new donors, as well as from those who have given, without lapse, for ten, fifteen and even twenty years. A Christmas check was sent to each one of the 837 families on the rolls of the national and state Boards of Relief, and also to ninety-nine other families of Congregational and Christian ministers who were in distress, chiefly because of sickness and unemployment.

What was not included in the Christmas checks will be kept in an emergency fund to meet cases of distress during the year. In view of the diminished income of the Board—the receipts from the churches in 1934 were only one-half of what they were two years ago—and the reductions in the regular grants which this decrease has compelled, it is hard to measure the comfort and help which this Emergency Fund will bring in the exigencies of unemployment, sickness and death, or where the family income is totally inadequate for the necessities of life.

"GRAND AND GLORIOUS"

For one brief month we have had it—a grand and glorious feeling. Yes sir, it is true. For the first time in 48 long weary months the Conference had a surplus rather than a deficit when the report of W. W. Furze, Treasurer, was read to the Board of Directors on January 14th. A surplus of $402.19 for the first nine months of the fiscal year was the good news. But, alas, the joy in the hearts of Board members was quickly squelched when they remembered that the poorest months of the year were just ahead before the fiscal year came to a close on March 31st, and that the lean kine of those three months were already whetting their appetites for the devouring of the one little fatted calf of a four-hundred-dollar surplus. But it was great while it lasted.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER for the 1935 Lenten Season (March 6th-April 21st) has been prepared by Dr. Gaius Glenn Atkins on the general theme, "The Resources of Christian Living." It provides an ideal and complete program of daily devotion and meditation and is a bond of Christian fellowship and prayer, uniting multitudes of many denominations and in many lands in common worship of God. It can be obtained at three cents per copy; 25 or more, two cents per copy, from Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco.

BAY ANNUAL DRAWS 300

Three hundred delegates and ministers from twenty-one churches sat down together at the Annual Meeting of the Bay Association, held in the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, Tuesday, February 5th.

Mr. Wesley D. Gordon, pastor of Niles, gave a one-act play in which he impersonated all three characters. It was a delightful drama based on the story of the Unjust Steward.

Rev. D. Brewer Eddy, D.D., of Boston, secretary of the American Board, was the guest speaker, and for over an hour held the closest attention of the great audience.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Moderator, Rev. T. E. Watt; Assistant Moderator, Mrs. C. T. Tinker; Registrar, Rev. Godfrey Matthews; Assistant Registrar, Mr. Cyril M. Hicks.

Eddy Speaks 22 Times

Rev. D. Brewer Eddy, D.D., secretary of the American Board, is closing his work in California the day the Pacific goes to press. Within our Conference he has given a total of twenty-two addresses, reaching a very large number of churches directly and indirctly.

He was one of the speakers at the Annual Meeting of the Women's Federation of the Conference, and at the Annual Meeting of the Bay Association. He spoke at the chapel of the Pacific School of Religion and had an all-day conference with our ministers. Groups of churches were represented at San Jose, Martinez, Fresno, and Santa Rosa. He preached in Stockton and at Lodi, spoke to a women's luncheon meeting at Stockton, and men's luncheon meetings at Palo Alto, Petaluma, Pittsburg and Fresno. He addressed evening dinner meetings at Sacramento and San Francisco, First.

His message, growing out of recent experiences in Russia and China, was of great interest, and his presentation of the work of the American Board further endeared it to the hearts of our people. Our Northern California churches and ministers will always welcome his return.

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- New Thrills in Old Shansi
- Modern Japan
- Thrilling Tale of the Philippines
- Voyaging Among the Philippines.

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classes and for seminars are in preparation. Thus the Council is faithfully carrying out the charter created for it at Oberlin—providing for Research, Education and Action.

Action will be in four fields. (1) International: Charles A. Thomson of the Foreign Policy Association will give part of his time to the Council. Edward C. Boynton is the effective Chairman of the committee having this field of action in charge. (2) Racial: The Council will co-operate with the A. M. A. Buell Gallagher, the new president of Talladega College, is our representative in the south. Effective action in behalf of anti-lynching laws is planned. On the Pacific Coast the Council will work for better treatment of Filipinos and Mexicans, and for repeal of unnecessarily irritating provisions of the Oriental exclusion act. (3) Industrial: Frank Waugh McCulloch, of the family which has been in the forefront of the battle for social justice in Chicago, has been engaged to work for right industrial relations. He is a brilliant young lawyer, and has already rendered great services for the Unemployed Council in Chicago. (4) Rural: Dr. Arthur Holt has been granted by the Chicago Theological Seminary half time to devote to the farmers. He is to spend some time among cotton workers of the South. Mr. Hatcher, who has been secretary of the Farmers' Union in Illinois, will also serve in this field.

This action will be in collaboration with the Conference committees, and through local churches. A new type of evangelism making its appeal to those whose concern is for Christian social action, was foreseen. Effort to enlist the marginal people in this service in the churches was planned. Word from foreign missionaries expressing their elation at the prospect that their work would be re-inforced by news of the much-needed action of churches at home, was received. The Commission on Missions found a way to advance necessary funds to start this full program without waiting for apportionment receipts. Hubert Herring and members of the Council reverently faced the great opportunity which they feel God has entrusted through our churches to them.

J. H. PRICE RECOGNIZED

A recognition service was held in honor of Rev. James H. Price at the Garvanza Congregational Church, Los Angeles, on Monday evening, January 28th. Rev. D. Brewer Eddy was guest speaker. A Pilgrim boys' chorus has been organized, an activity in which Mr. Price was particularly successful while serving churches in the Bay area.

RECORD OF 1934

Below is presented a church-by-church report of contributions for benevolences for the year 1934, and also for 1933. These figures are of receipts coming through the Conference office and do not include remittances made directly to the National Boards. The full report, including such direct gifts, will appear in the Congregational Year Book, which comes out in the early summer. The Thank Offerings are included in the "miscellaneous" item at the bottom of the column. They are not included in the figures credited to the churches, but in another column of The Pacific the contributions are listed. While 38 churches showed a loss in giving, it is encouraging to note that 10 churches held their own and 33 actually made a gain.

	1933	1934
Adin	$ 150.00	$ 150.50
Alameda	455.25	531.73
Alturas	29.54	24.30
Angel's Camp	88.00	85.00
Antioch	63.60	43.46
Auburn	26.00	39.53
Benicia	13.00	52.28
Berkeley, First	7,741.00	7,385.00
Kensington		10.00
North	1,004.74	829.61
Park	73.58	105.69
Campbell	300.00	310.00
Ceres	104.55	52.31
Cloverdale	98.26	60.69
Cotati	105.40	74.84
Crockett	102.97	108.00
Eureka	146.55	303.00
Fairfax	100.00	100.00
Ferndale	388.79	288.75
Fowler	10.00	10.00
Fresno, First	446.60	770.93
Japanese	6.00	6.00
Pilgrim	100.00	120.75
Zion	31.00	25.00
Glen Ellen	5.00	16.61
Hayward	104.15	150.00
Kenwood	66.67	27.65
Lewiston	8.00	
Likely		1.32
Lockeford	11.00	
Lodi, First	1,051.46	899.20
Loomis	61.53	27.50
Martinez	112.36	100.32
Murphy	40.00	40.00
Niles	16.77	
Oakland, Bethany	25.00	30.00
Calvary	10.00	10.00
First	6,361.87	6,102.35
Fruitvale	10.50	17.00
Japanese	10.00	6.00
Pilgrim	10.00	20.00
Plymouth	890.26	798.14
Oroville	200.00	200.00
Pacific Grove	444.19	450.76
Palo Alto	2,000.00	1,594.22
Paradise	112.50	93.00
Pescadero	20.00	
Petaluma	650.04	724.93
Pittsburg	75.59	74.08
Porterville	37.00	48.50
Redwood City	535.00	450.00
Reedley, Finnish		23.00
Rio Vista	11.20	20.00
Ripon	96.75	100.00
Sacramento	900.45	738.20
Salida	50.00	50.00
San Carlos	50.00	50.00
San Francisco: Bethany-Mission Park	390.30	400.57
Calvary	25.00	25.00
Chinese	22.00	20.37
First	1,282.05	1,071.23
Ocean View	50.00	50.00
Richmond	59.00	28.61
San Jose	866.66	1,000.00
San Leandro: Broadmoor	106.46	171.13
San Mateo	300.00	273.67
San Rafael	15.00	31.50
Santa Cruz	985.00	900.00
Santa Rosa	193.67	192.07
Saratoga	604.57	613.10
Sebastopol	204.67	233.95
Sonoma	95.00	61.65
Soquel	35.00	63.00
Stockton	1,005.93	771.48
Suisun	40.00	74.00
Sunol		60.00
Sunnyvale	45.20	43.30
Tulare	355.00	325.00
Weaverville	55.00	100.00
Woodside	150.00	36.50
Reno, Nevada	409.78	363.91
Miscellaneous	1,287.87	1,366.37
	$34,145.28	$32,627.16

FRESNO, PILGRIM. All bills were paid for 1934, and a small amount left in the treasury. Rev. M. G. Papazian, the pastor, is to speak in Los Angeles February 24th.

Cent-a-Meal Boxes in Use

Thirty-three churches in our Conference are now using the Cent-a-Meal boxes. New orders are coming in every week. Significant increases in 1934 came as a result of the use of these boxes in Weaverville, Soquel, Suisun, Eureka and Alameda. Below is a list of the churches now using them:

Alameda	70
Benicia	5
Berkeley, Park	21
Campbell	25
Crockett	26
Eureka	30
Kenwood	6
Lodi	20
Martinez	31
Oakland, First	149
Pilgrim	10
Plymouth	101
Palo Alto	10
Paradise	23
Petaluma	40
Pittsburg	50
Ripon	45
Sacramento	50
Salida	10
San Francisco, First	200
Ocean View	30
San Jose	50
San Rafael	24
Santa Cruz	12
Santa Rosa	20
Sebastopol	15
Sonomona	15
Soquel	20
Stockton	10
Suisun	25
Sunnyvale	36
Tulare	25
Weaverville	25
TOTAL	1229

86 YEARS YOUNG

On December 11th the community at Woodside gave a birthday party in honor of Rev. Benjamin St. John, pastor emeritus of the church. A greeting letter shower with many kindly thoughts came to cheer him. Mr. St. John responded that at his age of 86, he had resolved to live each day as a gift from heaven, and to live it in the spirit of the last prayer by Robert Louis Stevenson: "Let us arise with morning hearts and morning faces, eager for happiness, eager to serve, and if the day be marked for sorrow, strong to endure."

MRS. FLORENCE BANHAM

Readers of The Pacific were promised a fuller statement regarding the life of Mrs. Florence Banham, whose death was recorded in our last issue. Mrs. Banham was born at Woodbridge, Calif., 77 years ago. She was educated in Stockton, and married Rev. H. E. Banham in 1893 while he was acting pastor of the Congregational Church during the visit of Rev. Reuben Henry Sink to the Holy Land. With her husband, Mrs. Banham subsequently labored at Fresno, Cloverdale, Highland, Eureka, and also at Hawaii. Mr. Banham passed away in 1913. During recent years Mrs. Banham lived in Pacific Grove, where she was active not only in church, but in civic and community life. Funeral services were held at the Mayflower Church, Pacific Grove, by Rev. John Hunter. Two daughters survive her, Mrs. Mabel Schultze and Mrs. Ethel Buescher, both of whom reside at Fontana, Calif.

WORD FROM REV. C. H. DAINS

The many friends of Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Dains, who formerly served churches in Ripon and Paradise, will regret to hear of the rather severe illnesses through which both have passed. Mr. and Mrs. Dains are living at Phoenix, Ariz., and send greetings to their many acquaintances in Northern California.

ADDITIONAL NEWS

TRINITY COUNTY. At Weaverville a good deal of interest is being manifested in the plan to raise the church building and put social rooms underneath. While the actual construction has been delayed, a fund for the purpose has been started. Mr. Salmon, the pastor, has conducted services in other places in the county so far as road conditions would permit.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Reports at the annual meeting showed progress in all departments. Morning congregations have increased by more than three times. A Sunday evening forum is under way, with an average attendance of 85. The council plan of organization was adopted. Eighteen new members were received during the year. Rev. J. B. Orr is the pastor.

BENICIA. The Ladies' Social Circle of this church raised $450 last year, which is something of a record for so small a group. Rev. Ernest Houlding, the pastor, is greatly encouraged by a new interest on the part of the men in the community. A definite attempt is being made to secure the support of men who are not members of the church.

LIKELY. There is a steady attendance of 21 in Sunday School and no hope for more because of the small population. A small group of women conduct the Sunday School and Women's Society. Some money has been raised to improve the church property and as a contribution to benevolences.

ADIN. Troops of girl scouts and boy scouts were organized during the month of January. The country has been snowbound so that Rev. A. W. Monosmith has been unable to hold services at outside points for two weeks.

OAKLAND, FIRST. At the annual meeting it was reported that 108 new members had become affiliated with the church during the year. Expenditures of about $28,500 had been made. The year closed without deficit. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach is the pastor.

RIPON. One hundred thirty people were present at the annual dinner. All bills for 1934 were reported paid. The church auditorium has been completely redecorated. Rev. E. L. Spuller is the pastor.

ALTURAS. An indebtedness of some years' standing has been paid, and the salary of the pastor, Rev. J. K. Ballou, has been increased. Plans for the coming year involve an earnest effort for increase in membership.

COTATI. A two-manual power-driven organ has been installed in the church. Mr. Milton Gabrielson, the pastor, reports an enthusiastic annual meeting. Fellowship dinners once each month are planned for the winter.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW.— At a dinner in the social hall of the church, held on January 31st, sixty-five persons were present. Rev. Gail Cleland of Alameda was the speaker. Rev. Stewart E. Locke is the pastor.

GRASS VALLEY. Nineteen adults and three children were received into the church membership during 1934. Evening services have been resumed. Rev. E. O. Chapel is the pastor.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

PORTERVILLE. Mr. John H. Gregg has been unanimously called as pastor of the church, to begin August 1st. Mr. Gregg is a student at the Pacific School of Religion and will graduate this coming May. For three years he has made an enviable record in organizing and carrying on the work of the Arlington Avenue Fellowship House in Berkeley. In all of his work he has been ably assisted by Mrs. Gregg, who likewise studied in the Seminary. During the interim, Rev. C. D. Milliken is supplying the Porterville Church. This is the second period of stated supply service which Mr. Milliken has given to Porterville, the previous one being six years ago.

CAMPBELL. The membership increased and all bills were paid in 1934. The women of the church are undertaking the renovation of the church building and parsonage. The young people met the benevolence quota of the whole church in full. This coming year they will undertake to raise the debt payment. The junior members of the church now number 55. The church Scout Troop has more than 65 boys, under the leadership of a group of workers. Rev. J. H. Bennett, pastor.

PORT CHICAGO and AMBROSE. Rev. B. Dent Naylor has been called as pastor of these two churches and is at work. This veteran of our Conference is now entering upon the seventh pastorate in our fellowship without any loss of time between the periods of his service. On the last Sunday night before leaving Porterville, a union meeting of all churches was held in his honor, Mr. Naylor preaching the sermon.

PETALUMA. Twenty-two women attended the annual meeting of the Federation in Oakland. Mrs. Frank J. Greene was honored by being re-elected president. The committee room and study in the church building is being remodeled and refurnished. A study group has been organized under the auspices of the Women's Service Club. Rev. Ralph C. Waddell is the pastor.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. Sunday evening neighborhood get-together services have been inaugurated. Following a community "sing," some problem is discussed, frequently by an outside speaker. Two boy scout troops and one girl scout troop meet in the church; also various organizations play basketball. Rev. J. H. McCartney is pastor.

CERES. Pending final plans for merging this church with the Methodist Church of Ceres, an annual business meeting and dinner was held New Year's day, and officers were elected. During the year many articles were prepared and donated for the work which Miss Eva Barnes is doing among migrant workers. Miss Barnes grew up in this church, and her parents are still active members.

PALO ALTO. The D. Brewer Eddy luncheon was a great success. Sixty-five men were present, thirty from the Palo Alto Congregational Church, ten from Redwood City, and a number of other denominations. Rev. W. B. Thorp, the pastor, was responsible for the meeting arrangements.

RENO. A new heating and ventilating system adds very much to the comfort of the congregation. Open forum evenings are being conducted under the auspices of the Campus Club, which is made up of students at the university. A young people's church service at 9:40 on Sunday morning has been launched. At the Sunday services of worship Rev. William Moll Case, the pastor, is addressing himself to certain life situations, including: "The Problems of the Individual Within Himself," "The Individual in His Relation to the Family," "The Individual in His Relation to Larger Social Groups," and "The Individual in His Relation to God and the Universe."

ALAMEDA. Under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Gail Cleland, an eight-weeks' course on "Personal Religion" is being given during January and February, meeting on Tuesday evenings. A recent Sunday evening was devoted to the composer Johan Sebastian Bach. Dr. Cleland gave the story of Bach's life, and Mrs. D. O. Howard, organist, told something of the meaning of Bach's music and played a few of his finest compositions.

SOQUEL. In spite of an exceedingly stormy night, more than 50 attended the annual meeting and dinner. Finances were in excellent condition. New curtains have been ordered for the church windows. Weekly offering envelopes have been adopted. The average attendance at morning service for the year was 54 with a resident membership of less than 70. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath, the pastor, is looking forward to a year of greater progress.

PITTSBURG. The slogan of the pastor, Rev. C. C. Champlin, in 1935 is, "We must masculinize this church." As a step forty-five men gathered for a luncheon to hear Brewer Eddy. A male chorus choir has been started. The number of men present at morning services will be counted and progress reported, looking toward a goal of half men and half women. A campaign for tithing is being directed toward the men.

FAIRFAX. Although there have been many removals from the community and a revision of the roll, the new year started with a gain of five members over last year. The Sunday School is well organized, with a fine corps of teachers. The pastor, Rev. James W. Price, serves as Sunday School Superintendent.

PACIFIC GROVE. For the first time in many years the books of the church were closed with a clean slate. The bank note of $450 had been paid by the Women's Association, and the year's deficit was cleared by an extra effort on the part of the members. A Junior Christian Endeavor has been organized. Rev. John H. Hunter is the pastor.

BERKELEY, NORTH. A friendship program has been adopted for the next four months. The first Sunday of each month, each member is asked to bring a friend to church as a guest. The four Sundays are designated Guest Sunday, Friendship Sunday, Host and Hostess Sunday, and Neighborly Sunday. Rev. Elmer W. Benedict is pastor.

SALIDA. There was a splendid attendance at the annual dinner and meeting. The reports from the various auxiliaries were gratifying, each one showing progress and a surplus in the treasury. In addition to repairs on the roof and redecorating, new panelled screens for the Sunday School room were provided, the heating improved, and a velour curtain the full width of the platform secured. It is necessary now to use two rooms at the grammar school for Sunday School purposes. An intermediate society has been formed, and a young people's organization is coming into being. Rev. Arthur T. Davies is the pastor.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Rev. T. T. Giffen, pastor, attended the Midwinter Meetings at Evanston as member of the Home Board. Following the meetings visits were made to Boston, New Haven and Washington. The pulpit was supplied by Rev. J. J. Banninga, Rev. Carl S. Patton, and Superintendent Gill. Ten people were received into church membership at the January communion. At the annual meeting it was reported that current bills were paid and that 1934 receipts were $200.00 more than expenses.

LOOMIS. This is one of two or three churches in the Conference that has actually given the pastor an increase in salary, the increase amounting to $45.00 per month. The women of the church raised more than $800.00. Twenty-six persons were received into church membership. Rev. H. J. Loken, the pastor, was the author of a very interesting article appearing in the "Missionary Herald" on conditions among the Orientals in our smaller California communities.

OROVILLE. Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Brinkmeyer are opening their home to the young people following the Sunday evening meetings. These occasions are largely attended. A men's chorus, all but two of whom sing in the choir of the church, gave a vesper hour of music the last Sunday night of January. The church was filled with a very appreciative audience. The Young People's Society is growing.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. This church under the leadership of Mr. T. T. Taam, pastor, has regular Sunday services of worship, Sunday School, and discussion group, and five afternoons a week there is a school for Chinese children. An evening school for adults meets every Tuesday and Thursday, with six students, which are hotel and laundry workers. In addition, eight families are being reached by tutors.

SAN MATEO. At the annual meeting all organizations reported growth and all bills paid. On a recent Sunday morning the largest number of persons attended Sunday School in its history. Rev. George E. Brown, the pastor, meets with his Sunday evening club of young people with an attendance of 50 to 55.

BERKELEY. KENSINGTON. A weekly two-hour class of current events and discussion meets on Wednesday evening, under leadership furnished by the Federal Emergency Educational Program. Nearly 1200 persons attended the 60 group meetings held during January. Mr. John H. Gregg is the director.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Book lectures by Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, pastor, have been announced for Wednesday evening meetings. Some of the books to be presented are: "Religion Meets the Modern Mind" (Stafford), "You Can Master Life" (Gilkey), "The Reason for Living" (Wicks), and "Psychology and Life" (Weatherhead).

Rev. E. E. Turner, pastor of the American Church in Berlin, now addressing leading universities in America on conditions in Germany, will give lectures in the church on March 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th.

STOCKTON. Heroic work resulted in closing 1934 with a balanced budget. Rev. Noel J. Breed, the pastor, preached 62 times at Sunday services of the church, gave 44 addresses and talks to various groups, classes, and meetings in the church, spoke 21 times before other churches and religious groups, and 43 times at non-church appointments. At the annual meeting the church was challenged by the pastor to take a forward step either in building a new auditorium or installing an organ in the present assembly hall.

OAKLAND, CALVARY. The annual meeting was held on January 2nd. Officers were elected. The dinner was served by the men of the church. The young people turned out in full force to give their report and to witness the inducting of one of their own members as Corresponding Secretary of the church. The year closed without deficit, and an enlarged budget for the coming year. Mr. Cyril M. Hicks is the pastor.

SONOMA. In spite of serious financial problems for some of the members, arising out of the tuberculosis test of cattle, the church adopted a budget including expenses for the coming year and a deficit which had accumulated in the past. A number of new subscribers to church support are on the list. All departments are in a healthy condition. Rev. R. C. Day is still in the first year of his pastorate.

SANTA CRUZ. At the annual meeting 56 new members were reported for the year 1934, bringing the total to 654. The average morning attendance for the year was 205 and the evening attendance 828. The pastor, Rev. H. S. Hahood, made 2683 calls. He is really a community pastor, giving no small part of his time to visiting sick and conducting funerals for those outside of the membership of any church.

SAN FRANCISCO, UNITED CHURCH OF THE MISSION. This church made an increase in benevolence giving, and has appointed a committee to promote the circulation of the Pacific, with the idea that every Congregational home will be a subscriber. Rev. D. W. Throckmorton, the pastor, believes in playing the game with both denominations federated in his church.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. W. C. Blasdale

The Executive Meeting of the Women's Federation is held the third Thursday of every month at 10:15 a. m., in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, unless otherwise announced.

ANNUAL MEETING

The women of Plymouth Church, Oakland, most cordially welcomed the twelfth Annual Meeting of the Federation on January 17th and 18th. Mrs. Frank J. Greene, president, and Mrs. C. T. Tinker, vice-president, presided at the several sessions with grace and efficiency.

The reports of the secretaries showed splendid work done in all departments. Particularly happy was the report of the Thank Offering Secretary, Miss Catherine Denman. Eighteen more societies responded with gifts this year than in 1933, and, while a few gave smaller amounts, twenty-five societies gave increased contributions. The total amount was $935.68, which helps support the work in Trinity County and in North China, where the Wilburs are stationed.

Mrs. J. H. Price, the Young People's Secretary, reported a most successful year. The young people in their rallies have contacted such leaders as Muriel Lester, Allan Hunter, Clarence Reidenbach and Kirby Page; they have paid practically all of their pledges made at Asilomar in 1933; and they have taken steps to affiliate themselves with the Pilgrim Fellowship, a national movement for the advancement of Christian thinking and living.

The Social Relations Secretary, Mrs. J. M. Burk, has been indefatigable in bringing to the attention of the societies the value of the Social Action program. She has attended twenty-one public meetings dealing with these matters, spoken at several gatherings, sent out over five hundred pieces of literature to the constituency, and devoted herself to intense study of the problems.

The quotas for our mission stations were all filled. This was accomplished through Mrs. F. F. T. Watson, Social Welfare Secretary.

Mrs. H. H. Gill, for the Prayer Guild, cited several new devotional services written by women of our own fellowship, and the booklets of Daily Devotions, "The High Way," "The Path of Courage," and "The Valor of the Soul," and other aids to devotional living. All these are easily obtainable. The report closed with these words, "All of the literature we can read **about** devotional life, or **about** prayer, cannot take the place of prayer or Bible study. We must do these for ourselves."

Dr. Eddy Speaks

Two vital messages were brought to the Federation by Dr. Eddy. First, the menace from Russia is not from Communism but from Atheism. The greatest challenge from that country to us is to keep our faith, and train our young people in Christian precepts. Second, the Chinese, as never before, are eager for Christianity. There is no anti-Christian sentiment apparent in the country. He urges that no more missionaries be called home, and that we **hold the line,** that the work already established may be maintained.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After the election of officers, Mrs. Greene, the re-elected president, gave a brief message for the new year on "A Great Door." She told of the north portal of the Chartres Cathedral, called the "Door of the Virgin," where devout French people believe the mother of our Lord receives sorrowing mothers, and to whom it is a door of Assurance and Love. The great doors of the Rheims Cathedral were truly doors of Consummation to the Maid of Orleans. Other doors were opened, those of Achievement, of Mercy, of Service, and of Fairyland.

Behind the great door of 1935, about to open to us, what shall we find? Sometimes as a door opens there is disappointment, sometimes disillusionment, sometimes fear, but always there is **God.** The ancient sheep folds had no doors but merely openings across which the shepherd laid himself at night, and no foe could enter. With God at the door of 1935 all will be well. Other doors must be opened too: the door of understanding, of gentle ministry, of kindness and sympathy, of forgiveness, and of service. These all open to the eager knock, for having advanced prayerfully and trustfully to the great portal where God is, we enter with faith and assurance.

OFFICERS FOR 1935

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Santa Clara—Mrs. George E. Brown, San Mateo.
Upper Bay—Mrs. LaVeta Byerrum, Benicia, and Mrs. R. J. Martyr, Pittsburg.
Directors and committee members will be printed in the March issue.

INDIA'S RIDERS

Dr. J. J. Banninga, principal of the Union Theological School of Madura, India, in an after-dinner address, told of the need of India's masses. His subject was suggested by the text in Isaiah 36, "And I will give thee two thousand horses if thou be able on thy part to set riders thereon." He depicted the marvelous work that Christians are doing in India today. Wherever notices are displayed announcing lectures on Jesus there throngs crowd to hear the lecturer. **No other theme attracts such audiences anywhere in India today as this.** A survey of three counties of Southern India by the Rockefeller Institute in conjunction with the Government revealed that the average yearly income of a family in these counties was $50. The farmers are always hungry and always in debt. The Christian agriculturists are helping the farmer to raise better crops, to breed better cattle, chickens and pigs, and to relieve the terrible plight of the poor. The teacher, the doctor, and the economist are all noble riders, but their numbers are pitifully small compared with the millions of needy. Gandhi has given up his political activities to devote himself to raising the 50,000,000 untouchables to the rank of manhood. More than 100,000 are yearly becoming Christians. More "riders for India's horses!"

Tools and Their Uses

Under this caption Miss Helen Perkins discussed the study books dealing with the Orientals in this country, books suitable for all ages. She specially stressed the wish of Dr. Frank Herron Smith, leader of this study last summer at Asilomar, that these three might be placed in our libraries: "Japanese in the United States," by Dr. Y. Ichihashi; "Japanese in California," by Dr. E. K. Strong; and "Oriental Exclusion" by Dr. MacKenzie.

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

The activities of the Sacramento, Central, and Santa Clara Associations were presented so vividly that we found ourselves enjoying the "Pastie Luncheon" at Grass Valley and the birthday party at Paradise, patronizing the fruit shop at Campbell, making jams and jellies, quilts and aprons, listening to charming addresses and seeing clever dramatics, and through all these activities feeling the spirit of increased faith and devotion of these groups.

THANK OFFERING

RECEIPTS IN 1934

The Thank Offering, sponsored by the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California, was a great success during 1934. Under the leadership of Miss Catherine Denman, Thank Offering Secretary, Mrs. Frank J. Greene, President, and other Federation workers, a total of $935.68 was gathered before the year closed on January 10th.

According to the plan, 73 per cent was used for the support of Rev. James D. Salmon in Trinity County and 27 per cent for Medical Work in North China. It was the hope of Federation officers that the 73 per cent would be sufficient to cover the entire appropriation to Trinity County. This was not fully realized, but the appropriation for eleven out of the twelve months was fully covered.

The Thank Offering contributions do not apply on the apportionment of the local church, but the Pacific is happy to print a list of those churches which participated, and the amounts given.

Alameda	$ 34.63
Benicia	10.05
Berkeley, First	76.59
North	30.65
Campbell	10.00
Ceres	12.66
Cotati	2.23
Eureka	22.00
Ferndale	7.00
Fresno, First	42.31
Hayward	12.95
Kenwood	5.05
Lodi, First	22.74
Loomis	5.00
Murphy	2.50
Oakland, Bethany Armenian	5.00
First	86.88
Fruitvale	7.60
Pilgrim	10.47
Plymouth	25.66
Oroville	16.00
Pacific Grove	14.28
Palo Alto	63.50
Paradise	3.50
Petaluma	40.65
Pittsburg	28.58
Porterville	12.00
Redwood City	12.00
Sacramento	37.80
San Francisco, Bethany Mission Park	20.00
Calvary, Armenian	3.00
First	78.57
San Jose	46.30
San Leandro, Broadmoor	3.00
San Mateo	37.09
Saratoga	12.30
Sebastopol	18.00
Sonoma	26.29
Sunnyvale	14.00
Tulare	9.25
Weaverville	7.60
TOTAL	$935.68

In addition to the above, a contribution was received from Saratoga amounting to $16.50, which was too late to be credited on 1934 and will apply on 1935.

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